(c) La'Fontaine Committee had made 45 recommendations, which were grouped into 32. Government accepted 30 of these recommendations which have been implemented.

Stationing of Pak forces in the uniform of Rangers on the borders

115. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the movement of Pakistan's Army Personnel, who are stationed at the Pakistan Rangers post on the other side of the border in various sectors in the Rangers' dress;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the Indian authorities to check possible adventurist moves of Pakistani forces;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a noticeable increase in this infiltration from across the border and spying activities carried on by Pak agents in the border areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the authorities to contain the same and the results yielded during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Government has seen reports in this regard.

(b) to (d) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on our national security and take appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness at all times.

Special recruitment procedure for handicapped persons in group D service

116. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Personnel have organised a special recruitment procedure for recruiting Handicapped persons in Group 'D' categories; if so, when the last recruitment was done in Gujarat and how many persons were given employment;

(b) whether the Railways and other Central Government departments are not authorised to make recruitment against "hearing handicapped" quota; if so, whether vacancies have been advised to the Department of Personnel from Central Government agencies and Departments in the State of Gujarat and what action has been taken by the Personnel Department; and

(c) whether Government are considering further directives in the matter of recruitment of Handicapped; if so, when the fresh guidelines are likely to be issued?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Government Departments including the Railways are competent to make recruitment against vacancies reserved for hearing handicapped. A special Recruitment Committee has been constituted by the Central Government for recruitment of blind and deaf candidates to Group 'C' and 'D' posts under the Special Recruitment Procedure. 11 reserved vacancies (2 for visually handicapped and 9 for hearing handicapped) in Group 'D' categories have been reported from offices in Gujarat. Recruitment to these posts will be made on the basis of interview.

(c) No, Sir.

Demonstration by scientists of CSIR

117. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists and other employees of the Council of

Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) all over India held a demonstration on 13th February, 1990 to press for their charter of demands; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. Demonstration was held by All India Scientific Workers Association and Federation of CSIR Employees, Workers Unions and Association at CSIR Headquarters. As per information available, protest meetings were also held in some Laboratories/Institutes.

(b) The demands mainly related, *inter-alia* to the following matters regarding assessment and promotional system of Scientific and Technical personnel;

(i) the restriction on percentage and number of chances for assessment and the thresholds prescribed

(ii) Residency period for assessment of staff in Groups-I and II.

(iii) Extension of assessment upto the grade of Rs. 5,900-7,300.

(iv) Amendments in the criteria for consideration for merit Assessment scheme.

(v) Criteria for selection of referees.

(vi) Matters relating to composition of Assessment Committees.

(vii) Removal of certain scales in Groups 1&2.

(viii) Open Annual Appraisal forms.

(iv) Apportioning of relative marks in total evaluation.

(x) Removal of cut off date for Faster Track promotion.

(xi) Removal of grades of Rs. 225-308 & Rs. 380-560 pre-revised restrospectively from Groups 1&2.

(xii) Decentralisation of assessment under erstwhile bye-law 71(a).

(xiii) Change over from 71(b) to integrated recruitment and assessment scheme (IRAS).

Developmental projects in space research during 8th Five Year Plan

118. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the developmental projects which are likely to be taken up for construction and expansion in the sphere of space research, science and technology, during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the projects which are likely to be setup in Kerala, as part of the proposed development activities in this field during the period of 8th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The draft Eighth Five Year Plan of the Department of Space is under consideration of the Plannig Commission. The proposals envisages two operational space systems, namely INSAT system and IRS system, which